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GENEVA FOR CARTWRIGHT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WEATHER MODIFICATION

REF: STATE 179999

1. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SABO SEPT 19 ON ANOTHER MATTER, HE BROUGHT UP WEATHER MODIFICATION. HE TOLD ME HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO STATE GON WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED AT USG RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN INDUCING RAIN. HE SAID HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR GON'S DECISION TO ENGAGE PRIVATE COMPANY AT OWN EXPENSE, THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WOULD HAVE BEEN SEVERELY REDUCED, BUT THANKS TO WORK OF FIRM, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME GOOD RAINS AND CROP SHOULD BE ALMOST NORMAL. WHEN I AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO GO OVER REASONS USG DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE ON BILATERAL BASIS, HE SAID HE HAD HEARD ALL THAT BEFORE AND WAS STILL UNCONVINCED. HE ADDED
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THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT EVIDENTLY DID NOT SHARE USG'S APPREHENSIONS OVER LEGAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF RAIN MAKING SINCE ASECNA

TRANSALL AIRCRAFT WAS SCHEDULED ARRIVE NIGER LATER IN DAY TO
BEGIN CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS.

2. I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER I WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT OF GON'S
REACTION. I ALSO REMINDED HIM THAT DESPITE USG'S DECISION NOT
PARTICIPATE IN RAIN MAKING ASPECTS OF DROUGHT RELIEF, OUR EFFORTS
THUS FAR IN PROVIDING FOOD, MEDICINE, TRANSPORT AND OTHER ASSIST-
ANCE WAS SECOND TO NONE NOT ONLY FOR NIGER BUT FOR SAHEL AS WHOLE.
HE ACKNOWLEDGED OUR ASSISTANCE AND SAID NIGER WAS GRATEFUL. HE THEN
COMPLAINED THAT USG HAD APPROVED ONLY HALF OF NIGER'S LATEST
(30,000-TON) REQUEST FOR GRAIN AND THEN ONLY AFTER LONG DELAY.
RATHER THAN GOING INTO DETAILS OF THAT EPISODE WITH HIM AGAIN, I
SAID THAT IF NIGER COULD JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL FOOD NEEDS THE USG
WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER REQUEST.

3. COMMENT: IT IS MY BELIEF THAT GON HAVING FORMALLY EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT AT USG POSITION ON RAIN MAKING WILL NOW LET MATTER
REST, PARTICULARLY SINCE NIGERIENS SEEM PLEASED WITH RESULTS THUS
FAR OF AMERICAN PRIVATE FIRM.
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